

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the subject patent application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tee for use at the inlet or outlet of a septic tank, the tee comprising:

an elongated generally cylindrical injection molded plastic main body portion defining a tubular opening, the tubular opening being adapted to receive a filter therein;

a cylindrical injection molded plastic uppermost hub coaxial with said elongated main body portion and having an inner diameter greater than said the diameter of the elongated main body portion; and

an inlet/outlet port in communication with the tubular opening, the inlet/outlet port having an inlet/outlet hub at an open end thereof, said inlet/outlet hub having a diameter sized so as to receive a pipe of a first outer diameter and being adaptable to receive a pipe of a second outer diameter, said diameter of the inlet/outlet hub being greater than the diameter of the elongated main body portion.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The tee of claim 21, wherein said first and second injection molded plastic ribs extend outwardly from an outer wall of the elongated injection molded plastic main body portion and said uppermost hub.

Claim 3 (original): The tee of claim 2, further including seams coextending with said first and second ribs.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The tee of claim 1, wherein said inlet/outlet port includes a sweep portion arcing upwardly from said elongated main body portion toward a ring defined by

said inlet/outlet hub, said sweep portion defining an opening in communication with said tubular opening and said inlet/outlet hub.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The tee of claim 1, further comprising at least two horizontal reinforcement ribs on an outer wall of the elongated main body portion.

Claim 6 (original): The tee of claim 1, in combination with a reducer bushing securely received in said inlet/outlet port.

Claim 7-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (currently amended): A one-piece sanitary tee baffle comprising:
an elongated generally cylindrical injection molded plastic main body portion defining a tubular opening, the tubular opening being adapted to receive a filter therein;
a cylindrical uppermost hub coaxial with said elongated injection molded plastic main body portion and having an inner diameter greater than said diameter of the elongated injection molded plastic main body portion; an inlet/outlet port in communication with the tubular opening, the inlet/outlet port having an inlet/outlet hub at an open end thereof, said inlet/outlet hub having a diameter sized so as to receive a pipe of a first outer diameter and being adaptable to receive a pipe of a second outer diameter, said diameter of the inlet/outlet hub being greater than the diameter of the elongated main body portion;
a first rib extending generally longitudinally along said elongated main body portion;
a second rib extending generally longitudinally along said elongated injection molded plastic main body portion, said generally cylindrical injection molded plastic main body portion having a wall thickness between 0.075" and 0.100" over a substantial portion thereof.

Claim 16 (original): The one-piece sanitary tee baffle of claim 15, in combination with an effluent filter received in the tubular opening thereof.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The one-piece sanitary tee baffle of claim 15, in combination with a length of pipe received in said inlet/outlet hub.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The combination of claim 17, further comprising a reducer bushing between said inlet/outlet hub and said length of pipe received therein.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The tee of claim 4, having a lowermost end and a length extending from a top of the uppermost hub to said lowermost end, said outlet opening of the inlet/outlet port being located along said length nearer to said uppermost hub than to said lowermost end.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The tee of claim 19, wherein said main body portion houses an effluent filter received in said tubular opening, and said lowermost end extends into a clear zone ~~ef a of the~~ ~~at a~~ ~~at the~~ of the septic tank when the tee is mounted ~~at a~~ ~~at the~~ septic tank outlet.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The tee of claim 1, further comprising a first injection molded plastic rib extending generally longitudinally along said elongated injection molded plastic main body portion; and
a second injection molded plastic rib extending generally longitudinally along said elongated injection molded plastic main body portion.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The one-piece sanitary tee baffle of claim 15, wherein the wall thickness of the elongated generally cylindrical main body portion is about 0.090".

Claim 23 (currently amended): A tee for use at the inlet or outlet of a septic tank, the tee comprising:

an elongated generally cylindrical injection molded plastic main body portion defining a tubular opening, the tubular opening being adapted to receive a filter therein;

a cylindrical injection molded plastic uppermost hub coaxial with said elongated injection molded plastic main body portion and having an inner diameter greater than a diameter of the elongated injection molded plastic main body portion;

an inlet/outlet port in communication with the tubular opening, the inlet/outlet port having an inlet/outlet hub at an open end thereof, said inlet/outlet hub having a diameter sized so as to receive a pipe of a first outer diameter and being adaptable to receive a pipe of a second outer diameter, said diameter of the inlet/outlet hub being greater than the diameter of the elongated injection molded plastic main body portion;

an outer wall on said elongated injection molded plastic main body portion; and at least one horizontal reinforcing rib on said outer wall.

Claims 24-27 (canceled).